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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how ENIPC Child Care and Development Fund Program plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

- Additional guidance is needed to finalize plans.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- Provide assistance/grants for the purposes of cleaning and sanitation (including cleaning supplies or deep cleaning services), other supplies, equipment (such as personal protective equipment or PPE),
- Assist with updated air filtration systems, purchase cleaning devices targeted to kill Covid-19 along with other childhood illnesses, provide additional funding to providers to help meet the health and safety guidelines to improve the quality of care provided.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- Provide virtual professional development opportunities, staffing, and other activities necessary to maintain or resume the operation of programs.
- Funds will be available to eligible child care providers for activities necessary to maintain or resume the operation of child care programs to benefit all child care providers, regardless of whether they are eligible to serve, or are currently serving, children receiving CCDF subsidies as long as the program is providing care to Native American children and families in need of child care.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- Additional guidance is needed to finalize plans.

5. Other

- Provide Grants within Tribal Community Programs to expand learning opportunities for students, including before-school, after-school and summer learning. The grant will allow the programs to offer enrichment activities that complement school-day learning and help students meet state and local achievement standards. These grants will bring language and cultural programs to students and establish relationships supporting language revitalization.

The ENIPC Child Care and Development Fund Program will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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